

RESOLUTION No. AGN/31/RES/8

SUBJECT:

PREVENTION OF CAR THEFTS

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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Sub-heading: Theft and receiving of
vehicles and other means of transport

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS

- 1) The problem of preventing the theft and unauthorized borrowing of motor vehicles is becoming increasingly important in all affiliated countries in view of the ever-increasing number of motor vehicles on the roads,
- 2) The General Secretariat's report forms a firm and full basis for the preparation of a policy for preventing the theft and unauthorized borrowing of motor vehicles,
- 3) It would be to the advantage of affiliated countries to have their appropriate authorities adopt some of the measures mentioned in this document in so far as these measures appear opportune and in conformity with their own legal systems,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Madrid from 19th to 26th September 1962 at its 31st session:

IS OF THE OPINION THAT

- 1) International co-operation for the prevention of the theft of motor vehicles should be increased and become more effective especially by an exchange of information between affiliated countries about international car thieves and by the establishment of special ICPO-Interpol records of the particulars of car thieves;
- 2) Motor vehicle manufacturers' serial numbers should be marked on the main parts of vehicles in places and by means which ensure that it will be extremely difficult to alter these markings;
- 3) It would be most desirable for manufacturers to install effective anti-theft devices on all the vehicles they produce and for this to be made obligatory when possible;

- 4) Imposing fines - even very low ones - on owners or drivers who are careless when leaving their vehicles parked and unguarded on the public highway, could contribute a great deal towards the prevention of car thefts;
- 5) For the sake of safety in general, it would be advisable for all affiliated countries to create a branch of their police forces to specialize in the suppression of car thefts and in collecting information about such thefts and their authors;
- 6) It would be worthwhile to ensure that the General Secretariat's report and the present resolution are circulated widely among police forces and are sent to the government departments and private concerns to which they apply and, in particular, to motor vehicle manufacturers, to insurance companies covering theft and to the major information services (i.e. newspapers and sound and television broadcasting services) whether publicly or privately owned.
